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Meeting Notes – February 18-19, 2025
Yellowknife Boardroom and by teleconference / Zoom

Present:

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| Charlie Catholique, <i>Chair</i> | Łutselk'e Dene First Nation |
| Marc Whitford, <i>Vice-Chair</i> | North Slave Métis Alliance |
| Violet Camsell-Blondin, <i>Secretary-Treasurer</i> | Tłı̨chǫ Government |
| Sean Erasmus, <i>Director</i> | Yellowknives Dene First Nation |
| Baba Pedersen, <i>Director</i> | Kitikmeot Inuit Association |
| Tara Marchiori, <i>Director</i> | Diavik Diamond Mines |
| Laurie McGregor, <i>Alternate</i> | GNWT-ECC |

Staff:

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| John McCullum, <i>Executive Director</i> | EMAB (minutes) |
| Allison McCabe, <i>Environmental Specialist</i> | EMAB (minutes) |

Guests:

Jennifer Kirk, Arcadis (Day 1, by Zoom)
Pete Cott, GNWT-ECC (Day 2, in person)
Greg Look, GNWT-ECC (Day 2, in person)

| Tuesday, February 18, 2025 |
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| Meeting started at 9:05 am at EMAB Boardroom and by teleconference |
| Chair opens meeting at 9:05am |
| Opening Prayer – Charlie Catholique |
| Item 1: Approval of Agenda Chair reviews agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none">Add new item at end of day: review of draft comment on Diavik's revised Specific Effects Study V1.1 |
| Motion: To approve the agenda for February 18-19'25 as amended Moved: Marc Whitford Seconded: Violet Camsell-Blondin All in favour, motion carried |
| Item 2: Conflict of Interest <ul style="list-style-type: none">No conflicts declared; GNWT-ECC alternate and DDMI member will leave room during budget discussion to avoid any appearance of conflict |



Item 3: Minutes of Previous Meeting

Q. Are there minutes from the TK conference calls from January?

A: Only the revised Terms of Reference the Board approved.

Action Item: Staff to prepare meeting notes for conference calls on TKMP ToR for Jan 10,13,16 & 17.

Motion: To approve the December 10-11'24 Board meeting minutes as presented

Moved: Baba Pedersen

Seconded: Marc Whitford

All in favour, motion carried

Email Motions

- ED presents

Action Items

ED presents Action Items

Q. Does Board want to follow up on liner recommendation to DDMI re: MAH fuel spill?

A. EMAB should first ask DDMI if they have completed their review of internal procedures (and have any findings to share) before considering sending recommendation

- Noted that many people in TK communities were upset by the fuel spill and that EMAB should continue to follow up.
- Violet to ask TG's finance department re: costs to send one person to PDAC, and report back to ED
- NSMA considered sending staff to PDAC but decided not to due to costs; not enough value for money. For venue that large, have to be very clear on reason for going.
- Community visits – could EMAB attend Tlichó AGM in Behchokq? There will be a charter in and out.
- CIRNAC letter – EMAB followed up several times with Canada about appointing a member; but they haven't responded.

Action Item: staff to follow-up with Diavik regarding review of internal procedures for fuel storage before preparing a recommendation on this.

Action Item: Violet to provide costs for sending a person to PDAC.

Outstanding Recommendations

- ES presents outstanding recommendations

Q. Can all outstanding recommendations be included in this item, even if due date for response has not passed?

A. Yes, ES will include going forward

Item 4: Finance

ED presents income statement and proposed budget revisions

Proposed Budget Revisions

Q. Is FCRP coming in this fiscal year?

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A. WLWB held two workshops in October and December.

Q. Does EMAB have 3 consultants on Water Licence Renewal? If so, why?

A. Yes, all have different areas of expertise. Bill Slater is engineering, NSC - aquatic, and Arcadis – risk assessment. Last year we had 4 consultants, but Randy Knapp retired.

Q. Is there a general cap on rollovers?

A. No, if there's money left that spills over to the next year, then we can keep it if it meets Business Rules. For the WL Renewal Review and FCRP review that spread over two years we can make an estimate for the project, then roll over funds not spent in the first year. Section 4.8(g) in EA talks about fund rollover, as well as the Business Rules.

Q. Not much for professional development, only \$2,000?

A. Amount cut back since there are only six weeks left in the fiscal year. ES took Plain Language course and attended mining reclamation conference.

Q. What about funding for SWALF review?

A. SWALF is part of WL Renewal and FCRP, so it's addressed in the budget.

Motion: To approve budget as presented

Moved: Marc Whitford

Seconded: Baba Pedersen

Abstentions: Tara Marchiori

Carried

Jack Kaniak scholarship

Q. How do we let students know this is available?

A. KIA is doing this. Communities advertise directly.

Proposed Workplan and Budget ('25-'26)

- Large unexpected expense - new board member appointed by GNWT in December, after budget had been drafted.
- Diavik should cover this.
- Has EMAB considered contacting GNWT asking if they considered financial burden on EMAB of appointing someone not readily available to attend meetings? Could GNWT fund the travel? This is different than funding someone from an Affected Community. The cost factors haven't been considered.
- Cost of new GNWT member Sarah Elsasser should be covered by them; Board prefers locally appointed members. they should rescind the appointment and appoint someone local.
- Sarah has lived in the north and has lots of Diavik-related experience
- Noted that locally appointed members would still have a cost, particularly from communities.
- The travel amount is less than half of the cost, the honoraria is most of cost. Suggest waiting to see how request to Diavik goes. In the past EMAB has absorbed this cost, but this is an unexpected expense in a very tight budget year.

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- We should send a letter anyway, this is a big cost, and if the GNWT doesn't want to pay it they should choose a locally appointed person.
- EA requires one or both of member or alternate to be from NWT or Nunavut.
- We are all appointed by the Parties. Local representation is preferred.
- Understand the point about local representation, but this item is about '25-'26 budget.
- Could make some meetings remote to reduce costs.
- We shouldn't be cutting Board meetings to reduce costs.

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Motion: to approve '25-'26 budget

Moved: Mark Whitford

Seconded: Baba Pedersen

Abstentions: Tara Marchiori, Laurie McGregor

Motion passed

Draft Board Calendar

- June 17-19 conflicts with NSMA fish fry, meeting tentatively moved to June 24-26 instead.

Q. Is 5 Board meetings per year a normal amount?

A. Yes, but some can be teleconferences

Motion: To approve Board calendar as amended.

Moved: Baba Pedersen

Seconded: Violet Camsell-Blondin

All in favour, motion carried

EMAB Office Space

Q. How much does it cost for EMAB's half of the boardroom?

A. We pay between \$2400 and \$2600 per month, approx. \$800 or \$900 for boardroom section

- If IEMA moves offices, EMAB could consider paying for whole Boardroom. Could then rent out boardroom to other groups to offset cost.

Q. Is IEMA office same setup as EMAB?

A. They have a kitchen, we have a bathroom

Q. There's no chance for a separate passageway for the Board room?

A. No

- Should hold on to office, despite leaky roof

Q. Are we on a lease?

A. No, lease expired and we rent month to month

Q. Renting month to month, is there a possibility we could get kicked out?

A. Unlikely

Q. How long do we anticipate needing the space?

A. At least 2 more years; planning discussions with Diavik regarding EMAB following end of operations.



ACTION ITEM: ED to update Board at next meeting after IEMA has their meeting to discuss possibility of renting different office space.

ACTION ITEM: ED to initiate lease discussions once roof is fixed.

Item tabled to a future meeting.

ED performance evaluation

- Personnel Committee is reviewing ED performance for last year as required by employment contract.

Chair to do evaluation and discuss with Personnel Committee; I committee then makes a recommendation to Board

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Item 5: Inspectors Update

- Inspector not available, ES presents item
 - DDMI member provides update on fuel spill near Pond 7 ; clean-up complete as of February 13th and approved by Inspector with verbal approval to backfill the excavated area.
 - DDMI did not report Pond 7 spill because several Parties were closed for Christmas holidays
 - All spills are on public spill registry, EMAB can look into getting added to distribution list (if there is one)
- Q. What happened to inspector? It's been over a year since he's presented.
A. He was invited to this meeting but didn't confirm attendance.

ACTION ITEM: ES to look into being added to GNWT spill distribution list.

LUNCH

Item 6: Diavik Water Licence Renewal

ES introduces item and presents North-South Consultants' comments since Megan Cooley was not able to attend. Noted that Bill Slater has not started his review of Diavik's application yet due to other commitments.

Consultants will provide more detailed reviews of the application over the next few months that will inform EMAB's intervention.

Jennifer Kirk presents Arcadis draft comments

- Application does not include TK Monitoring; this is a gap that should be filled
- No more ponds should be breached until Pond 2 & 7 data are available to assess accuracy of modelling predictions and that mixing zones are suitable size
- No details provided on proposed mobile sewage treatment plant, so Arcadis couldn't assess effects.
 - EQC's for sewage do not include metals or nutrients. Monitoring human waste should include nutrients.
- Additional SNP stations for dike breaches are 200 m from centre of dike. No rationale for this distance or location. If there's a strong current in the area, the impact might be missed at the proposed location.
 - background station for total suspended solids looks like it could be affected by the mine. Background must be in unimpacted areas.

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- Diavik proposing to increase TSS limits from approved pre-construction plan to limits for water treatment plant. Need a rationale for increase.
- Diavik proposing not to use EQCs; changing to CLOSURE SURFACE RUNOFF AND SEEPAGE CRITERIA. Diavik should have EQC's on its discharges until they can show the discharge is not a waste. and request to have changed outside of Board amendments. E.g. if data shows they need a mixing zone, that shows the discharge is a waste, because they need an area to mix so that water will be safe for drinking.
- Disagree with Diavik proposal to remove some chronic toxicity testing at treatment plant discharge because there hasn't been any chronic toxicity in the last 3 years. Need to continue testing.
- 5m minimum depth for sampling does not seem to be appropriate. Whole purpose of SNP stations is to see if there is chronic toxicity at the end of the mixing zone. The location of the SNP stations should be based on the determination of the mixing zone.
- Diavik's new proposed SW2-3 closure criteria does not appear to be measurable; can't combine an entire lake's worth of data and get significant results.
 - Diavik should report results by year 3, not wait until year 6?
 - Disagree regarding wording about assessing whether changes above AEMP Benchmarks are Diavik related. Doesn't take into account cumulative effects.
- SWALF should use EQC's.
 - There should be a connection between AEMP and SWALF.
- Would like an independent third party to verify conclusions for SW2-3.

Q. Should we remove reference to 5m depth in row 16, since the WLWB has already made a ruling on this?

A. Plume study will provide new information about location of Mixing Zone, so keep it in.

Q. Were these comments sent to Diavik?

A. No, we didn't have time before the meeting

Motion: To approve comments & recommendations on Diavik's Water Licence Renewal application for submission to the WLWB, as amended.

Moved: Marc Whitford

Seconded: Baba Pedersen

All in favour, motion carried

Action Item: send comments and recommendations to Diavik for responses to questions, or correction of any factual errors.

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Item 7: TK Monitoring Plan Discussion

ED introduces item

- Recommendation to respond to Diavik's letter rejecting EMAB's proposed Terms of Reference for the TKMP, and copy WLWB (so it goes on registry)
- EMAB needs to be kept informed on progress in developing TKMP.
- EMAB should also share the Aug 1 letter again and provide a short timeline of EMAB's involvement on that part of the project.

Q. The YKDFN letter was addressed to Diavik, or EMAB?

A. It was sent to Diavik.

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- The WLWB posted Diavik's letter to the Public Registry. It may have been done in error. That's why YKDFN's letter is not posted on the Registry.
 - If EMAB wants its letter to be posted to the Registry, may need to request that.
- Board wants as much info as possible at all stages, and updates on a regular basis: monthly, or each Board meeting at a minimum.
- EMAB could develop its own version of a TKMP

DDMI member provides update on progress on TKMP

- Tara is lead for Diavik on developing TKMP
- All Parties/communities were sent letter a memo on Jan 24'25. Tara will send a copy to EMAB.
- follow up for next steps and workshop initiations; honouring things that were in EMAB's ToR, and existing feedback from TK Panels, IGO parties, EMAB, and WLWB workshops; Diavik will set up a TK Panel.
- Will be a facilitated workshop in Yellowknife April 14-15 to review the draft outline for the TKMP and decide what should be monitored from a closure perspective. Will send agenda in advance.
- Will hold second three-day workshop in July with TK panel and staff reps to verify monitoring methods and approach.
- Pre-workshop items will be sent ahead of time.
- Parties will get a chance to comment on draft Plan before submission to WLWB.

Q. request EMAB staff attend workshops as an observer?

A. Yes.

ACTION ITEM: ED to draft a letter responding to Diavik's letter rejecting EMAB's ToR as per discussion, and requesting EMAB staff member attend upcoming TKMP workshops in April and July.

ACTION ITEM: Tara to forward a copy of TKMP memo to Parties from January'25 to EMAB.

Item 8: EMAB – Diavik Working Relationship Follow-Up

ED introduces item.

DDMI member provides an update on efforts to improve Diavik-EMAB working relationship:

- Appointed a new EMAB Board member.
- Internally clarified the "Board member" vs. "Diavik representative" relationship.
- EMAB had 2 visits to site this year.
- Included EMAB staff member in fish camp.
- Diavik technical staff and consultants always available to answer questions & comments; will consider recording Zoom meetings in future for easy reference.
- Provide pre-conformity regulatory submissions in advance to allow more time for EMAB review.
- EMAB comments will note where EMAB and Diavik have reached agreement on specific questions or comments prior to submission.
- Diavik will give final report to WLWB at end of March, as directed by FCRP RFD.

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Q. One of those items is providing comments to Diavik beforehand. Now that there is an extension to the Water Licence comments, could we send to Diavik?

A. Yes, we can send. Demonstrates intent to cooperate.

Q. Would we send to Sean, Tara, or both

A. Send to Sean, copy Tara

ACTION ITEM: ED to send comments on Water Licence Renewal application to Diavik.

Unscheduled Item: Specific Effects Study

ES presents item

Include 5mm rainfall threshold in comment.

Motion: To approve comment on SES V1.1 for submission as amended.

Moved: Baba Pedersen

Seconded: Sean Erasmus

All in favour, motion passed

Adjourn for the day

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

Meeting started at 9:00am at EMAB Boardroom

Chair notes '23-'24 Annual Report is completed and Board members can review and take copies back to communities.

Item 4: ED Evaluation

Motion: to go in camera.

Moved: Baba Pedersen

Second: Tara Marchiori

Carried

Staff leave the room

Motion: to go ex camera

Moved: Marc Whitford

Second: Tara Marchiori

Carried



Motion: to approve Executive Director evaluation for 2023-24 and salary increase of 5%.

Moved: Marc Whitford

Second: Baba Pedersen

Carried

Abstention: Tara Marchiori

Item 9: Two-Year Budget Update

ED presents item

Discussion

- Noted meeting with Diavik and ECC on Feb 10
- EMAB has followed up the meeting with a letter and is waiting for Diavik's response. The only outstanding issue is the need for some commitment on Additional Funds for WL Renewal review and FCRP review if needed.
- We'll see what happens after we talk to Diavik
- A little disappointed that Diavik is not being cooperative on the budget. Everyone wants to make sure closure is done right.
- The communities want to continue working with mine till closure; so hopefully, we get what we ask for

Item 10: EAQMP Investigation Update

ES presents item

ECC has asked Diavik to address its rationale for its position on the outstanding issues in a covering letter.

EMAB will follow up with letters to Diavik and to ECC.

- Included picture of yellow haze with letter.

Motion: To approve the review of the 2023 EAQMP report for submission to Diavik and GNWT

Moved: Charlie Catholique

Seconded: Baba Pedersen

Abstention: Laurie McGregor

Motion passed

ACTION ITEM: ES to send comments on 2023 EAQMR to Diavik and GWNT

Item 12. Board Member Update and Community Concerns

NSMA

- Concerned about effects of Diavik's closure; working with mine and other agencies to address and change business profile and operations; major implications for NSMA revenue.
- Have good, knowledgeable and educated staff and management team.
- Very concerned about hunting off of the winter road and decline of caribou. Harvesting has changed; you can now drive up winter road in a big truck and get a truckload of caribou; used to be unheard of;

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and it's very sad. Hunting with skidoo in the old days, you could only take 3, and would be very careful. Concerned about what happens when Diavik shuts down; Joint Venture is losing a big partner in Diavik. This will affect Guardianship programs.

- Guardian programs are important in monitoring harvest.

TG

- Regular departmental meeting leading to reports to leadership.
- Winter road restrictions are difficult given Aboriginal right to harvest.
- Attending PDAC in March.
- Signed a big agreement with Fortescue at AME conference.
- Going to Toronto end of week for Land Claims Coalition meeting
- Rebuilding Frank Channel Bridge. GNWT Transportation is looking for TK.
- Elders from 4 communities and Petter made comments on proposed road from Yellowknife to coast
- Coming into last part of Rayrock; starting on remediation
- Getting ready for AGM in Behchoko

Postpone rest of item until after Item 11

BREAK

Item 11. Winter Road Effects on Caribou

Pete Cott and Greg Look from GNWT-ECC arrive

- Roundtable introductions

Pete is new Manager for Habitat and Environmental Assessment. Greg is WMMP intern.

ES introduces item

- Noted that constitutional right to harvest means Indigenous people can go anywhere to hunt.

GNWT-ECC staff review current winter road measures and potential mechanisms to restrict access:

- ECC monitors on road; YKDFN also has a presence
- The no-hunting zone is really well-marked
- WMMP can allow restrictions to protect wildlife; WMMPs are associated with a development project such as a mine.
- The road is permitted under a Licence of Occupation which allows public access to the land, so the holder can't restrict access.
 - Potential to establish a lease at the beginning of the road, allowing prevention of vehicles by leaseholder. This would mean the public couldn't get onto the winter road.
 - A lease would require consultation with all users and agreement from communities
 - Potential concern about restricting access by Aboriginal people to hunting.
 - Enforcement is also an issue – who would turn people back?
- There are already effective rules for managing harvest that people follow, especially the Mobile Hunting Zone for Bathurst caribou.
- App shows users the location of the Zone, and there are signs on the road showing where it is.

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- The Beverly herd is the main one near the road and there are no concerns about its population.
- Have anecdotally observed “great compliance” and “lots of caribou” inside no-hunting zone; didn’t note any wastage, and saw about 10 different community camps harvesting caribou. People very happy to see caribou. Caribou protection measures seem to be working.
- If caribou are on the road, the JV staff have ability to move caribou off road if impeding truck transport.
- Pullouts are built in so wildlife can leave the road once they get on.

- People from Kugluktuk are concerned about hunting from the winter road, and the Bathurst caribou herd. KIA completely supports YKDFN. We see a lot of negative things in the news about wastage and overhunting. We want to restrict access to hunting from the road, not public access in general. We know road is critical, we want to see no hunting allowed anywhere by truck. Snowmobile access only should start at beginning. Accessing hunting areas should not happen by truck. Our goal is to stop hunting on the road, not access.

Q. Since LOO does not allow restricting access, could it be a lease instead?

A. Not for such a long linear corridor. However, you could do a lease for first part, say ten km, which would prevent access to the rest of the road.

- There should be no hunting from 5km from the road. Could stop people and ask their intention. Don’t know how to implement restrictions.
- Right now people are allowed to hunt right off the road
- Closing road to public would also help the mines by reducing traffic. There’s 300 public vehicles a day.

Q. Has the JV ever requested an exclusion zone?

A. This is public land, so hard to restrict access. Under existing legislation, there aren’t a lot of tools. You’d have to develop new legislation to establish a no hunting corridor. Harvesting is a S35 right for Aboriginal people, so everyone would need to agree to restrictions. You could have a lease at the beginning of the road for exclusive access for someone to be the gatekeeper. But someone needs to apply for the lease. But then the GNWT would have to consult for a lease. It would be very hard to set up a lease unless there were no S35 objections.

Q. It’s against the law to hunt by helicopter/plane, could hunting by truck be added?

A. There is no law preventing hunting from a plane. Govt couldn’t unilaterally decide any of this; they must consult. Everybody with Constitutional rights to hunt caribou would need to agree. GNWT is moving towards a co-management approach: caribou range plans, monitoring plans, signed off by minister of ECC, but ECC won’t sign off unless there’s buy in from co-management partners.

- The winter road doesn’t go to a community; it’s not serviced. Shouldn’t be an issue to restrict access.
- Lots of people access the road to hunt.

Q: what about the SGP road? That would allow access year-round.

A: there are two projects: the Tibbit to Lockhart Lake all season road (LASR) and the Gray’s Bay road from the arctic coast south to the Jericho project. These are both the first phases of projects that would link to the mines. Both are going to Environmental Assessment.

- If these roads are approved the caribou will disappear.

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Q. Who holds licence of occupation?

A. Joint Venture

- We should invite JV staff to next meeting, makes sense to talk to licence holder

Q. Are there discussions between Indigenous parties in caucus? No one wants to try to restrict S35 hunting rights.

A. GNWT has an obligation to consult and the output of that will guide the decision. Decisions on access are up to rights holders.

- If a lease is put in place at the start of the road, that that would be restricting traffic, not hunting
- that action will be seen as affecting Indigenous harvesting rights.
- If there is a consensus among rights holders, GNWT is willing to do whatever co-management partners want, as long as we have a legal mechanism to do so.

Q. who would be consulted on that?

A. whoever has an interest. Lease applications go to organizations but anyone can comment. GNWT has a list of groups with treaty rights or overlapping treaty areas, and it goes out to public review. Don't have established land use plans for a lot of these areas.

Discussion

- the concern is bigger than the people at this Board meeting. Everyone is concerned about caribou. It's our health and diet (TG). There is a lot of wastage seen on winter road. Winter road might be the last straw on the caribou's back.
- Need to get everyone together to discuss this.
- YKDFN just did a community hunt, and found meat that already had a 22 bullet in it. Not supposed to shoot caribou with that. Just harasses them.
- Winter road will stay as long as the mines are operating. An all season road would be forever.
- ENR raided camp at Artillery lake, now they want to apologize. We depend on caribou, we have rights to go anywhere. And this one will be tough, there's other communities that use the road. There's rules for mine truck drivers; they must stop for caribou.
- People want to hunt musk-ox. They are everywhere now.
- The SGP corridor would have a huge effect on access to hunting. Need to address this or caribou might become extinct.
- EMAB should take a lead role in this issue. If we don't do this, who will? Need to take drastic measures to protect caribou. Hunting from an ice road is not good for the animals. We have to protect the caribou and hunting off the ice road is a huge factor in caribou decline. In ten years, there could be no caribou. What is GNWT doing?
- GNWT wants to ensure a future for caribou. One aspect is restricting hunting – the road allows shared access. GNWT has limited authority.
- It would be helpful if GNWT and other groups came up with a list of obstacles, and then everyone to get together to talk about ice road caribou management. Bring all players together and EMAB could start. Someone might have a solution.
- There are existing mitigations (e.g., mobile zone and app); and increased monitors

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Q. Why can't mobile zone be whole road?

A. Mobile zone is for Bathurst herd, gives a buffer around where the herd is, so that you're unlikely to interact with that herd. Don't want to prevent people from hunting Beverly caribou.

Q. How do we know what caribou is which herd?

A. Collaring allows an estimate of where Bathurst caribou are located. The mobile zone works well to protect Bathurst caribou.

- Want to prevent people hunting from trucks.

Q. How can this move forward? These discussions have gone on for many years. Is there a mechanism, or plan to put in some new mitigations beyond what's already in place?

A. There are some ideas; no specific actions.

- JV is also concerned about this issue from a safety perspective.
- EMAB can make a recommendation to look into mechanisms to protect caribou from winter road hunting. Send to Deputy Minister. What tools are available, what prevents using them, what is being done to protect caribou. Bring everyone together to discuss answers and possible ways forward.
- Need to ensure everyone understands the mobile zone and how it works.
- Ice road access for caribou should be on every EMAB agenda going forward
- Would like to see JV people at next meeting. Would like to hear what their challenges are; find out what supports they would need, how would enforcement be dealt with

ACTION ITEM: invite JV staff to next meeting to discuss wildlife protection on winter road.

ACTION ITEM: ED to draft a letter for Board review re: tools available to restrict harvesting off winter road, barriers to implementation, and current mitigation/enforcement practices. Also request GNWT bring Parties together to discuss.

Item 12 – Round Table (continued)

LKDFN

- Guardians trying to break a trail to barrenlands, but slushy, deep snow; had to try twice; first time only made it halfway to Reliance. Saw some caribou.
- Lots of meetings (e.g., Talston expansion). Want to put transmission line under Great Slave Lake. People don't trust NCPC. Concern that this is a way for NCPC to avoid outstanding issues from original flooding for Talston no islands, trees sticking out, fish changing.
- SAO has left, job posted and their looking for one
- Lots of workshops coming up, e.g. languages
- Want to do a community hunt, but want to save caribou. Seeking assistance for hunting muskox and moose.
- Lost elder Sarah Boucher, losing lots of elders recently
- Meeting with government on Cosmos 954 satellite crash and effect on cancer in community.

KIA

- Echo concerns about losing elders, lost one this week in Kugluktuk due to cancer. Mark Taletok has done a lot of great work in the past.
- Speaking to lots of people in Kugluktuk. Hunting from ice road is a big issue, already discussed.

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- Concerns about water quality issues in Coppermine, for both drinking and fish. Want to see long-term monitoring as long as possible.
- Pros to mines, good jobs for young people. Would like to see more companies get summer students. People would like to see shorter rotations, not 3 weeks at a time. For families etc. Hire couples, not individuals.
- Closure – access to equipment that might be left at mine site. Would like to see a list of things that will be available. And challenges (e.g. with windfarm)

DDMI

- Diavik will provide a list of equipment that might be available to the Parties.
- Recently in Cambridge for Kitikmeot trade show.
- In discussions with all Participation Agreement communities about impacts of closure and supporting communities during that transition. We are looking at assets, supporting regional economic transition for Indigenous & northern businesses.
- Recently read an article about liabilities that mining companies hold for closure. Diavik holds the largest security by double. Other companies have much lower security. Good reminder that Diavik is not the norm, and we are here to do the right thing.

GNWT

- Will be participating in WL renewal, other Parties welcome to discuss comments; Bill Pain is point person
- Lots of environmental assessments going on; Imperial Oil, Grays Bay EA happening through NIRB, ECC making comments on transboundary caribou concerns.
- GNWT is proponent for LASR, first portion of road to replace the diamond mine winter road with an all season. INF is lead on that but trying to all work together. Parties should have gotten communication on that, would be good to hear from other parties about concerns building a road, it's good to know now. Your leadership has probably all been engaged.

YKDFN

- Notes that Matt Spence does not speak for YKDFN
- Bruno Croft is working with YKDFN
- Suggests not talking about restricting hunters in letter to ECC DM.

Closing

Closing Prayer – Violet Camsell-Blondin

Meeting Adjourned – 12:45 pm